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I am a voter who listens to satellite radio four hours daily. The programming is excellent; the traffic and weather reports are helpful to a frequent traveler like myself; and most important, I get a variety and scope of information services unavailable over my radio until the emergence of satellite service.

While I have supported in the past, the FCC's attempt to regulate content over non-subscription airwaves, I am alarmed at the NAB's petition 04-160 and the attempt therein to limit the programming and services that I pay for and enjoy.

Further, this attempt to regulate private, subscription services occurs ironically juxtaposed next to the FCC's attempt to maintain standards on public airwaves. It appears that the NAB may fear erosion of its listener base and has determined it cannot compete fairly with the variety, quality and value that satellite radio provides.

How typical that the monstrous "free" broadcast industry--free of quality, values, ethics or intelligent programming--would turn to politicians and government organizations to coopt the medium they were too lazy or ignorant to compete in; much less develop.

I urge your organization to reject the NAB's uncompetitive attempt to leverage their money through special interest legislation. Stand firm against the puppet politicians who advocate regulation and government intrusion whenever campaign contributions overpower their moral and ethical obligations to respect free market ideals and the individual discretion of subscribers like me, who purchase products such as satellite radio.